

**THE REMARKS**

**The Amendment**

Claim 1 is amended to recite a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, at page 21, lines 22-23. Claim 36 is consequently canceled.

Claims 1 and 38 are amended to insert "O" in the description of  $R_{11}$ . Support for the amendment can be found in Claim 1 as filed.

Claim 1 at pages 5 and Claim 38 at pages 22 and 23, the sum of  $m+n+p$  is amended from "0 to 5" to "1 to 5." Support for the amendment can be found in Claim 1 as filed. Applicants have erroneously amended the sum in the Response to Office Action submitted on December 30, 2003. However, because  $n=1$ , the lower limit of the sum should be 1, and not 0.

Claim 1 at page 7 and Claim 38 at page 25, the sum of  $n+p$  is amended from "1 to 3" to "0 to 3." Support for the amendment can be found, for example, page 11, line 19, and page 12, line 9, where it states  $n$  and  $p=0, 1, \text{ or } 2$ . Therefore, the lower limit of the sum of  $n+p$  is 0. The amendment is further supported by Example 4 (page 25), which shows the synthesis of a monophosphate ( $n+p=0$ ).


Claims 1 and 38 are also amended to correct several obvious typographical errors.

Claim 38 is amended in the description of  $R_{10}$  and  $R_{14}$  to delete alkylthio, alkyloxy, aralkylamino, arylamino, diaralkylamino, and diarylamino, and insert dialkylamino. Support for the dialkylamino can be found at page 16, line 13.

New Claims 40-46 are dependent claims and are supported by Claims 1 and 3 as filed.

No new matter is added in the amendment. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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